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SUBJ: SEABED ARMS CONTROL TREATY REVIEW CONFERENCE: WESTERN
EUROPEANS AND OTHERS (WEO) CAUCUS, JUNE 17

1. SUMMARY: ON AFTERNOON OF JUNE 17 CANADIAN MISSION
HOSTED MEETING OF WESTERN EUROPEANS AND OTHERS TO DISCUSS
LAST MINUTE ARRANGEMENTS AND ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH SEABED
TREATY REVIEW CONFERENCE. TURKISH REP EXPRESSED CONCERN

THAT SEABED TREATY TWELVE MILE EXCEPTION NOT BE USED
IN FUTURE TO PERMIT EMPLANTATION OF WEAPONS IN WATERS
AROUND ISLANDS THAT HAVE BEEN DEMILITARIZED. END SUMMARY.

2. ON AFTERNOON JUNE 17, CANADIAN MISSION HOSTED MEET-
ING OF WEO CAUCUS WITH SIMARD IN CHAIR. REPRESENTATIVES
FROM THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES PARTICIPATED: US, UK,
JAPAN, DENMARK, FINLAND, TURKEY, PORTUGAL, NETHERLANDS,
GREECE, IRELAND, BELGIUM, SWEDEN, AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND,
SWITZERLAND, ITALY, FRG, NORWAY, ICELAND, AND AUSTRIA.

3. CANADIAN REP ASKED CERTAIN DELEGATIONS TO CARRY OUT
VARIOUS DUTIES INCLUDING MAKING AND SECONDING NOMINATIONS
AT OPENING PLENARY MEETING OF REVCON, AND SERVING ON
CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE.

4. WITH REGARD TO SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES, JAPANESE REP
CIRCULATED WORKING PAPER ON VERIFICATION THAT HAS BEEN
SUBMITTED TO REVCON. IN SUM, JAPANESE WORKING PAPER
ADVOCATES FACT FINDING MECHANISM AS INTERMEDIARY STEP
TO RESOLVE QUESTIONS BEFORE PROCEEDING TO UN SECURITY
COUNCIL FOR POLITICAL SETTLEMENT. FURTHER JAPANESE
WORKING PAPER INDICATES BELIEF THAT VERIFICATION PROCEDURES
PROVIDED FOR IN TREATY ARE DIFFICULT FOR STATES
POSSESSING NO SATISFACTORY VERIFICATION MEANS OF THEIR
OWN AND THAT SUCH STATES SHOULD BE ABLE TO CALL ON THE
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GOOD OFFICES OF THE UN SECRETARY-GENERAL FOR ASSISTANCE.

5. JAPANESE REP INDICATED THAT HIS DELEGATION WILL NOT
PUSH THESE IDEAS TO THE POINT OF AMENDING TREATY, BUT
HOPED THAT THESE IDEAS MAY RECEIVE FURTHER CONSIDERATION
AND BE REFLECTED IN FINAL DOCUMENT.

6. FRG REP CIRCULATED INFORMAL DRAFT PROPOSAL ON FUTURE
REVIEW CONFERENCES WHICH WOULD REQUIRE SPECIFIED NUMBER
OF PARTIES TO REQUEST IN ORDER TO BE CONVENED.

7. SWEDISH REP INDICATED PARTICULAR INTEREST OF HIS
GOVERNMENT IN ISSUE OF TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENTS AND
SAID THAT HIS DEL LIKELY TO POSE QUESTIONS ALONG LINES
OF EARLIER SWEDISH PAPER (REPORTED GENEVA 3235 OF
APRIL 29, 1977).

8. NETHERLANDS REP SAID THAT HE WOULD MENTION IN HIS
STATEMENT THAT NEW LAW OF THE SEA TREATY WILL NOT CHANGE
VERIFICATION PROVISIONS OF SEABED TREATY.

9. TURKISH REP SAID THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD LIKE TO

SEE ARTICLES II AND IV EXAMINED BOTH POLITICALLY AND
JURIDICALLY. HE INDICATED CONCERN ABOUT POSSIBLE
SECONDARY EFFECTS, IN PARTICULAR THAT 12 MILE ZONE THAT
IS EXCEPTED FROM COVERAGE BY SEABED TREATY MIGHT BE USED
AS A BASIS TO SUBVERT DEMILITARIZATION AGREEMENTS COVERING
ISLANDS. HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THIS PROBLEM MIGHT BE
RECOGNIZED IN FINAL DOCUMENT.SORENSEN

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